

**Chief of Naval Operations
Adm. Gary Roughead delivers remarks at the
30th Annual Vice Admiral James Bond 2010 Stockdale Leadership
Award Ceremony
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Thank you very much, it really is a special day for all of us to be here and what is an unquestionably a very special place where we recognize and honor those who have demonstrated valor above and beyond the call of duty. I'd like to also welcome Assistant Secretary [of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs] [Juan] Garcia, who is here, thank you so much for coming. And also a great shipmate, a former Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, [Joe] Campa- it's good to see you here, thank you.

But today is also about two great families. And I say families even though we are here to award and recognize to great commanding officers (CO). But for those of us who wear this uniform, we know that we do not do it alone. And so there's no question in my mind for these two great COs to be so recognized, they were able to do their job because of the support and the love that they get from their families everyday. So, I'd like to welcome Sonya Grimes, wife of Jeff Grimes who will be receiving the award today. And Michelle Walker and Dennis Cummins who are here as guests and their daughter Nicole who is a cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point, we do not hold that against you. Congratulations on the path that you have chosen to take and the time that I've spent with your parents this morning, I can tell you how very proud of what you are doing. It's great to have you here. And there son Jeffrey is also here.

I'd also like to welcome Casey, Michael's, wife and their three children- Stephen, Madison and Alan, who are here to see their father receive the award.

As I said this truly is a significant award in my book. For the principle reason that it is not an award that those higher in the chain of command elect to bestow on a particular commanding officer, but rather it is an award that is recommended by peers of that individual. And I think that there is no other group that can truly look into the leadership, the commitment and dedication and as a great commander Nelson once said, 'The touch.' Because we have in our Navy terrific commanding officers who do great things everyday, who make decisions that most people can not comprehend. And each and everyone of them carries the responsibility of the nation on their shoulders when they sail forth on a ship, a submarine, an aircraft, a squadron, whatever it may be. And it's that touch, it's the ability to get the most out of a command to set the right tone in the command and to also be able to mentor those who are beginning and who are just starting to come along. And that's what this award is about. It's the peers who know how that touch is being applied and make the recommendation. And I could not be more pleased to recognize these two great COs that are here today.

The award is also significant because it truly honors one of our great naval heroes, Admiral Jim Stockdale, whose service and heroisms and valor and commitment to those with whom he served has no equal. He was a great thinker but most of all he was a great leader. And that's why I think this award is so appropriately named. I've had the privilege of having spent time with him over the years and I can think of no better example, no better symbol of what we stand for as a Navy other than Jim Stockdale. And today these two great COs are going to receive that award that is special, because your fellow commanding officers have recommended that be bestowed upon you and also to be able to carry on tradition that's epitomized in the life and service of Admiral Jim Stockdale.

Commander Jeff Grimes has served as the commanding officer of the ballistic missile submarine, USS Maryland (SSBN 738), since early 2008 and there is no question that our submarine force has been fortunate in having you lead that great ship. You've been recognized by your peers but also recognized throughout the waterfront in Kings Bay for the standards that you set. A short list of the accomplishments- four strategic patrols, U.S. recipient of the 2008 U.S. Strategic Command Omaha trophy for the Outstanding Trident Submarine, two consecutive submarine squadron 20 Battle Efficiency in Retention Excellence Awards -and I think that in and of itself defines the tone and the standard that was set in Maryland. Jeff, however is going to go on and soon take his leadership ashore, which I know you are not looking forward to, but that is the nature of things in our business. But my sense is that you will soon be able to get out and work your touch again. You'll be assigned to the staff of Commander Submarine Force Atlantic as the Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team's senior member. So, it is my hope, and I have every confidence, that you're going to be able to part the lessons you've learned the things that worked and indeed the things that didn't work- on those that are coming along behind you.

We also will be recognizing Commander Mike McCartney for the terrific work that he has done in command of USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), a guided missile destroyer that I would often see on the waterfront in Hawaii, in Pearl Harbor. I wouldn't mind sailing by her this morning to look at her again as apposed to the drill here in Washington. When I was there, and you get to know the ships on the waterfront, Chung-Hoon enjoyed a very special reputation and I know that you have been able to continue to build on that. You focused on what we say are the basics, the fundamentals of command, with an exceptional deployment that allowed your crew to contribute and bring that ship's capabilities into four different areas of operations and four different fleet commanders. The accomplishments that you and your crew displayed on deployment, most noticeably in the Western Pacific when things were getting sporty with some of our PLA Navy friends and some of the things that they didn't want us to do, I think, speaks volumes about the leadership, about the standards, about the discipline and about that important element that when we go forward, we carry the interests of the United States with us. You and your crew represented that so very well.

So again, it really is my pleasure to be part of the ceremony, to be able to present this award that is named in honor of one of our greatest leaders and someone I know we all

look to as we set the standards for our Navy today and into the future. So congratulations gentlemen and well done.

Thank you.